

System Transformation Initiative/Winterl Community Forum
MEDICAID BENEFIT PACKAGE QUESTIONNAIRE
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1. What is your reaction to the Medicaid Benefit Package update?

- Need funding for alternative mind-altering drugs and funding to gather evidence to support alternatives
- Sometime it feels like trying to hit a moving target. We continue to try to find the “magic bullet” via medications or EBP therapies when we have evidence that one of the most powerful motivators for change is the relationship between “client” and the “therapist” (be that an MSW or a BA level counselor or a peer support person).
- Nice summary of all the hard work that has been done
- Enjoyed the discussion of EBP’s.

2. Do you have any advice or recommendations for the Consultant?

- Please look at the studies of what works w/ consumers. There has been study after study that shows the preventive practices make a great difference in people’s lives. Let’s get early childhood, family-focused services in place. Provide children with a healthy start, provide families with support they need.
- Not all the consumers who are so hateful of psychiatry speaking out today accurately represent every consumer’s viewpoint—some medications do work for consumers with mental illness and without these medications, many lives would be ruined!
- Need mental health for GAU clients
- Need to pay more peer counseling as part of benefits—add more at state level.
- Consumer-run services are Medicaid billable under 1915 B3 waiver.
- Please include JCAHO and CMS standards so that all programming changes meet all necessary hospital guidelines and requirements.
- We need CMS and JCAHO on our side from the beginning.
- Help us with the Human Resource challenge in developing a peer-support position in DSHS/MHD headquarters